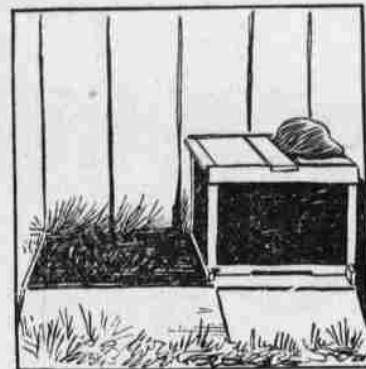


POULTRY AND BEES

SPRING CARE OF APIARY.

The Precautions Which Should be Taken to Protect Bees.

Bees will do better if they are protected in some way after being set from the cellar. Winter cases have been recommended for this purpose, and they are good, but expensive. Recently, however, tarred building paper has been used, with very satisfactory results. In some cases the whole hive, except the bottom, has been wrapped in the paper, but it makes it necessary to remove the covering every time the hive is to be opened. I have, therefore, devised a different way of



Paper Overcoat for Hive.

using building paper, says a writer in Farming.

I cut a piece of the tarred building paper so that it will be as wide as the hive is deep—that will be nine and one-half inches for Langstroth hives—and long enough to cover all four sides of the hive and also have the ends overlap several inches. The first fine day after the bees have been put outside, I take an empty hive body and fasten to it the bottom board with double-pointed crate staples. Then lay the hive body on its side and fasten the paper at one corner with a thin strip of wood—mine was sawed out of dry goods box boards. When the first corner is fastened it is an easy matter to wrap the paper and tack on the rest of the strips.

After the hive is fixed and set on the place of one containing bees, I remove the combs and bees from that hive and put them in the hive that has been protected by building paper. I then shake all of the bees out of the hive from which the combs have been removed and wrap it with paper, and proceed thus until all of the colonies are protected.

I have never known any kind of cover with which a hive could be closed so tight that no heat could escape from the cluster, yet some bee keepers use nothing under the cover to prevent the loss of heat. I use an enameled sheet, with the smooth side toward the bees, and on this piece of old carpet or sacking, or pieces of building paper, cut large enough to cover the top of the hive, but not overlapping. With an enameled sheet, tarred paper would probably not be an objection to the bees, but as it might, it is better to substitute the kind of building paper used for houses; place it on top of the hive—and, of course, under the cover.

Whenever a hive is opened in early spring, heat escapes rapidly, which is a great objection, because some of the brood may be chilled and the colony given a great setback. Whenever manipulations are necessary during the spring months a quilt should be used to cover the hive while it is open. Make it of several thicknesses of heavy cloth, and have one side dark colored and the other side light, and large enough to hang down several inches on all four sides. The dark-colored side should be up during cold weather in spring; for if the sun is shining some of its heat will be better absorbed. The light-colored side of the quilt is for use during the warm season when it is necessary to manipulate frames while robbers are bad. When a hive is opened, the quilt should be thrown over the top. Roll it back, and when a frame has been removed, cover up the top of the hive again.

FARMERS AND POULTRY.

The Kind of Pure Bred Poultry Which Should Be Bought.

The farmer has a real grievance against the poultry fancier, in that he has done all of his crossing and in-breeding of fashions, daughters, uncles and aunts without any regard to practical utility, says Farming, whether the hens from which he has been breeding were producing 60 eggs a year or 200 made no difference. His whole aim has been to breed out of a foul flight feather or two or to create a better comb, an eye or a better tint at a sacrifice of everything else. The result is that when a farmer goes into the market to buy pure breeds, with his money in his pocket ready and willing to pay for the best stock, he not only often pays for qualities he does not need, but actually pays a premium for something that has been obtained at a sacrifice of the very qualities which he does need. There are a few men, however, raising pure bred stock that is "bred to lay," or to meet certain market demands, and those are the men that should be patronized.

Hatch Early.

In raising poultry for market, usually the profit lies in hatching early, pushing the chickens forward as rapidly as possible and marketing them early. Spring chickens at spring prices pay better than fowls sold later on, when, though the fowls weigh more, there is not only the lower price, but additional feed for perhaps two or three months must be taken into consideration.

Eggs that have been kept two or three weeks will produce weak chickens. If they live to get their growth, they will never be strong nor healthy. The germ of the egg becomes weak with age. Only fresh, new eggs should be set.

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